

Gentlemen,

In my opinion, the issue here is clearly an isolated case of a few amateur operators imposing their interests on the entire amateur radio community. This is not in best interest in the service as a whole, and can potentially create an enforcement nightmare. If the petition is granted a rule change, I imagine the floodgates opening of observations/and complaints from stations who are in most all cases unqualified to make a bandwidth assessment. Most official observers and amateur operators in general, lack the proper technical skills and equipment to measure the bandwidth of any received "on-the-air" signal. For this same reason, it is difficult and probably impossible for most amateurs to accurately measure their own transmitter's occupied bandwidth. While I do not condone the practices of the few SSB stations making modifications causing widening their single sideband transmitter's bandwidth for "HiFI" sound, these cases are very few. The reason for this is simple. The majority of amateurs lack the technical expertise and equipment to make these modifications, or even repair their own "high-tech" transceivers. There is also another very important issue to consider. The issue is that many "type accepted" vendor supplied amateur radio transceivers (old and new) would fail the new restricted bandwidth specification request. This is clearly not in the best interest of amateur radio, and will cause a financial burden on many fine amateur radio operators who use their "dated" transceiver un-modified. In light of all these issues, RM-10740 should be denied rule making. The law is sufficient as it stands. Thank you for reviewing my comment.

Warm regards,

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